

KANSAS CITY WEEKLY STOCK MARKET REPORT

KANSAS CITY STOCK YARDS—December 22, 1919. Light receipts following last week's decline, offset the holiday dullness that was expected in today's market, and prices were strong to higher in all divisions. Killing cattle were 25 to 50 cents higher, stockers and feeder's strong, hogs up 10 to 15 cents, top \$14.15, and sheep and lambs strong, top lambs \$16.25.

Today's Receipts
Receipts today were 10,000 cattle, 14,000 hogs, and 7000 sheep, compared with 21,000 cattle, 12,000 hogs, and 7000 sheep a week ago, and 15,000 cattle, 20,000 hogs, and 2500 sheep a year ago. Practically no long hauling cattle were here and only a few Western fed sheep and lambs.

Beef Cattle 50c Higher
With only 10,000 cattle received today, and offerings expected to be light the rest of this week, killing cattle, both butcher grades and fat steers, were in active demand at a quarter to fifty cents higher prices. Good to choice short fed steers at \$14.00 to \$15.50 were the best offerings. Practically all the full fed cattle have been marketed in time for the holiday trade. Fair to good steers brought \$11.50 to \$13.75, and plain kinds as low as \$10. Cows sold at \$5.50 up, with most of the good weight fat cows \$8.25 to \$9.25. Veal calves brought \$8.50 to \$16.00.

Stockers and Feeders Stronger
Prices for thin cattle were stronger than late last week, but trade was generally quiet as few outside buyers were here and only a few orders were filled. Indications are that improved demand will prevail next week and during January.

Hogs 25c Higher
Though Chicago quoted hog prices 25c lower, the market here was 10 to 15 cents higher than Saturday, and higher than at any time last week. Receipts were 2000 larger than a week ago. The top price was \$14.15, and bulk of sales \$13.60 to \$14.10. Local prices continue above Chicago and up river markets. Receipts at no time in the past two months have been large enough to meet the urgent orders of packers and they have been unable to keep local prices down to Chicago's level.

Sheep and Lambs Active
Trade in the sheep division was active at strong prices. The bulk of the fat lambs, which were natives, sold at \$16.00 to \$16.25, and a bunch of Western fed lambs brought \$16.25. Ewes sold up to \$10.25, and yearlings \$13.25. Practically no feeders were offered.

Horses and Mules
Late last week trade in horses and mules was fairly active, and this week is starting with moderate supplies and unchanged prices. No material improvement is expected until after the first of the year.

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HOW THE KING AND QUEEN WERE RECEIVED IN FLAGSTAFF

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medals around with him. One of the officers of his entourage is forever one foot behind him to the right, with his pockets full of every sort of decoration that Belgium turns out.

When a man is presented who has done something for the king and queen on their tour—driven an engine or fired a fish or presided over a banquet—the king jerks a cabalistic word over his shoulder to the faithful attendant. Back goes the right hand of the king, the decoration called for is dropped in it, the right hand swings back, up, and down, the decoration is pinned on, and another democrat is happy. It is all done in four motions, the observer said. Hundreds of these decorations have been presented.

At San Francisco preparations were made to honor the royal guests with a great banquet. Some persons who had had experience with monarchs where they "live and move and have their being" were entrusted with making all the arrangements for the affair. And what happened is thus reported:

"All the guests must face the king and queen at the banquet," said the rule-makers. "No one may touch any course until the queen does. If she declines a course all must pass."

There were other rules, but these are enough. All went merry as a wedding-bell until it was discovered that if every banqueter must face the queen there wasn't a dining-room in the city big enough to seat more than three hundred. And if no one might take a course the queen declined there were fears that the guests would bring pockets full of pop-corn, for by this time the queen was eating only crackers and milk.

"So the social arbiters quit," said the observer, "and the bars were thrown down and any sort of a hit went for three bases. About 2,000 people were present and every one had a grand, uproarious jubilee."—Literary Digest.

Anyhow, Mr. Corey wrote a very interesting story, if true.

Having lived around with the whole deck so long, we have often seen a ten-spot take a king, consequently the mere fact that the king and queen with lesser suit were played as trumps at the Grand Canyon, some 75 miles away from Flagstaff, goes to show that the Grand Canyon is merely a suburb, and that Mr. Corey failed to "cut" before he "dealt" out his story.

As for Jimmy Swinnerton, he is that sort of an ace in the deck, who would have pulled just the sort of a "stacked deck" as proclaimed for him, had the occasion demanded it. Any old Indian in this country—even though he had "housemaid-knee," would kick in and help Jimmy, for they all have an idea it is for some good purpose.

All we now ask of Jimmy is to move the El Tovar hotel to a nice site in Flagstaff and have the king "blazing" as it were from the "fernanda" of the hotel to his crip Indians.

PINK CRABTREE DIES SUDDENLY IN OKLAHOMA

The people of Wilburton were grief stricken Sunday morning when the news was broken that Pink Crabtree had died at his home on West Main street. He was about town as usual on Saturday and in the barber shop Saturday night. Soon after midnight he was taken suddenly and seriously ill and medical assistance was called but his condition gradually grew worse and at seven a. m., little hope was held out for his recovery. He succumbed at ten o'clock a. m.

Funeral services were conducted at the home at three p. m. Monday, in the presence of hundreds of friends. Rev. W. T. Logan, of Wister, and pastor of the Wilburton Presbyterian church, officiated. Interment was made at the City cemetery.

Pink Crabtree was fifty-four years of age. He spent the greater part of his life in and near Wilburton. For the past nine years he was engaged in the grocery business in Wilburton. He had no enemies, unless it was himself. He had a big heart, was enterprising and enjoyed the high regard and respect of his many business and social acquaintances. He is survived by his wife and two children, Miss Alla and Master Blake, and a step-daughter, Mrs. DeWitt Poe.—Wilburton Democrat.

Pink Crabtree was well known by many of the old timers in Flagstaff, who will be grieved to learn of his sudden death. Mr. Crabtree left Flagstaff about 11 years ago, after seven years residence here, during which time he did logging and other heavy team work by contract.

In a letter recently Mrs. Crabtree had informed Mrs. Peter Michelbach that they had sold out in Oklahoma and intended returning to Flagstaff to make their home.

LIVESTOCK AND RANGE CONDITIONS IN ARIZONA

The weekly report of the weather bureau states that winter ranges are practically free from snow and an abundance of well cured grass is now available for stock. Owing to copious rains in the summer the fall browse made an exceptionally fine growth and now affords excellent feed. At Pinedale, southern Navajo county, where last season conditions were of the poorest description, the correspondent says: "Water and grass are plentiful, cattle excellent." In western Coconino and northern Mohave counties where autumn rainfall was only moderate in amount, the condition of stock is reported as only fair. Winter annuals are making excellent growth on the desert.

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RAISERS OF STOCK SAY FOREST SERVICE RULES RUINING THEIR BUSINESS

It has been ascertained that cattle valued at \$250,000 will be shipped out of Santa Cruz county before the first of the coming year; that some of the finest stock ranges in the county will be devastated and that one of the county's prime industries will be ruined beyond repair by the alleged drastic rules of the officers of the United States forest service.

From a number of prominent cattlemen, information has been obtained that the rules and regulations, and the fees imposed by the officers in charge of forest reservations, for the grazing of cattle are unreasonable, and exorbitant and that the forest rangers and those in charge of the reserve have forced them out of business.

The cattlemen of this vicinity have endeavored to obtain relief from what they allege are unjust rulings on the part of forest reserve officers, but state that they have failed. It is the intention of the cattlemen to endeavor to have legislation passed which will take the lands now in the hands of the forest service out of that organization, and into the public domain.

If the cattle raisers of the county continue to sell their stock, the taxes of the county will fall on the merchants of the various communities and a condition will arise here which threatens to be serious.

Following are some of the cattle shipments made from Santa Cruz county within the past few weeks to buyers at El Paso, Kansas City and other points, the shippers having made statements that the forest reserve rules forced them out of business: Gatlin Bros. of Patagonia, 2,000 head; Jos. Kisgorski, Calabasas, 1,500 head; Clyde McPherson, San Rafael valley, 1,000 head, and Roy Sorrells, of Patagonia, 1,000 head.

16,000 Arizona Brands Gone Out of Existence

Closing Saturday of the period for accepting brand registrations found 5,000 livestock brands re-registered in the office of Edward W. Stephens, secretary of the state livestock sanitary board. A complete registration had been effected. Twenty-one thousand brands were on the old books. Only 5,000 are now recognized as being "alive."

It had been realized that thousands of brands had lapsed through death of owners or their departure from the state. Registration period really closed last night, but Secretary Stephens had sent out word he would consider applications placed in the mails by midnight last Friday night.

HELP WANTED

First Roommate—"I say, Walt, would you kindly lend me your green necktie this evening?"

Second Roommate—"Why, certainly, Ed, but why all the formality?"

First Roommate—"I can't find it."

WILL SPEND MILLIONS TO EXTINGUISH FIRE IN VERDE COPPER MINES THAT HAS BURNED FOR OVER TWENTY YEARS

The United Verde Copper company has started upon its long-projected attack upon the great burning sulphide stopes, near the old workings. These ore bodies have been blazing or smoldering for 20 years and have defied all efforts to extinguish their fires. Now they are to be bitten away by enormous steam shovels and their ready made calcines taken down in steel hooped broad-gage cars to be dumped direct into the reverberatories of the company's smelter at Clarkdale. The shovels are at work already, clearing away a site for the new mine power house and surface buildings, for the old smelter site above the fine office building will go down as the shovels approach them.

The tonnage to be gouged from the face of the Black Hill range will approximate 14,000,000 cubic yards. All will be utilized for the filling of ravines.

Millions of dollars will have to be expended in the enterprise. In fact, millions already have been spent on projects incident to the enterprise, chiefly on the railroad that crawls on a four per cent grade up to mountain, in four miles encompassing the distance of one mile that lies between the mouth of the Hopewell tunnel and the terminus at Jerome. This road, under construction two and a half

years, will serve the people of Jerome as well as the mine. It will carry freight hitherto brought in by narrow gauge from Jerome Junction.

Down in the valley at Clarkdale there has been much in the making. The United Verde smelter has been more than doubled in capacity, though the improvements are not yet complete. It is not that production is wanted just now, at the present stage of the metal market. But former Senator W. A. Clark, main owner of the property, has long vision and will be ready for the great copper demand that will be known when foreign exchange is able to finance European metal needs. There have been added six reverberatory furnaces of larger type than the six now in use. Twelve new roasters are of greater capacity than those now operated. A couple of new Great Falls converter stands and eight new Sterling boilers and a variety of other additions, inclusive of a power house of doubled capacity might be noted.

There are two very especial features however. The first is a resort to the use of powdered coal as fuel for the reverberatories, succeeding fuel oil, which of late has proved very expensive. The Gallup semi-bituminous is stored under water till needed, for it is susceptible to spontaneous combustion. Before used it is crushed, dried and then pulverized until it can be sifted through a 100-mesh screen. Then it is ready to be taken up by a fierce air blast and blown into the 100-foot reverberatories.

Then there is a smoke treating plant, wherein currents of 125,000 voltage play through the flues from the furnaces, catching and depositing all metallic particles, to the greater profit of the works, and incidentally stopping deposits of soot and sulphur upon the farms of complaining ranchers in the nearby agricultural vicinity. It will cost \$750,000 to stop the smoke, but it is believed the result will show that it pays.

SERIOUS IMPEDIMENT

Doris—"Why don't you marry her?" Jack—"I'd like to, but, unfortunately, she has an impediment in her speech."

Doris—"What is it?" Jack—"She can't say 'Yes.'"

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Effective from February 27 the wage scale for plasterers, brick layers and masons will be \$10 per day of eight hours.

A. J. MOORE, Sec'y.

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OBLIGING

Old Goldbags—"What's that! You really mean to tell me you love my daughter for herself alone?" Hardup—"Yes, sir; but I think I could learn to love you t-too, sir, in t-time, sir."

Little hands are reaching forth across the waters today asking for some little share of the Christmas happiness of America. To these little sufferers of the Near East, can we say them nay?

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G. N. BATY

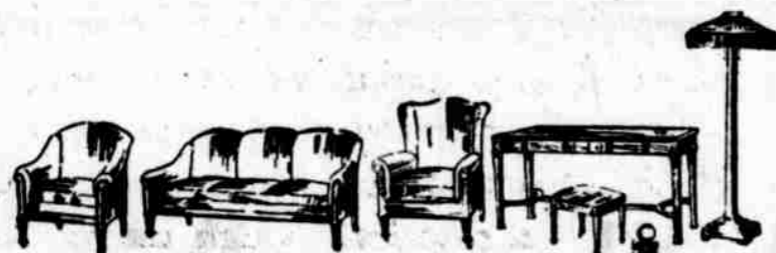
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